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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WORLD BANK VICE PRESIDENT TO MALI
AND UPPER VOLTA

REF: STATE 239808 (NOTAL)

1. CHAUFournier, IBRD VICE PRESIDENT FOR WESTERN AFRICA, VISITED UPPER VOLTA OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 5 ON FIRST LEG OF WEST AFRICAN TOUR WHICH ALSO INCLUDES SENEGAL, MALI AND NIGERIA.

2. SINCE VISIT WAS AT GOUV'S INVITATION, CHAUFournier WAS GIVEN VIP TREATMENT. HE STAYED AT GOVERNMENT'S GUEST HOUSE, DINED SEVERAL TIMES WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND ACCOMPANIED HIM TO BANFORA WHERE PRO-LAMIZANA "POPULAR" DEMONSTRATION WAS BEING HELD ON NOVEMBER 4. HE HELD TALKS WITH MINISTER OF PLAN DAKOURE AND VISITED SEVERAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING HELICOPTER RIDE TO BLACK VOLTA REGION WHERE BLACK FLY ERADICATION PROJECT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 5 JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR DAKAR, CHAUFournier SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS VISIT AND FELT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE WORLD BANK AID TO UPPER VOLTA, HE SAID
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THE ONCHOCERCIASIS CONTROL PROJECT WAS ON SCHEDULE AND

HE WAS IMPRESSED BY PREPARATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE FOR THE LARVICIDING OPERATIONS. SEVERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROJECTS HE HAD VISITED WERE MOST IMPRESSIVE AND HE EXPECTED THAT, BY SHIFTING IDA FUNDS ORIGINALLY EARMARKED FOR TOGO AND THE IVORY COAST, ADDITIONAL AID COULD BE GIVEN TO UPPER VOLTA FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND FOR TRANSPORTATION, PARTICULARLY FEEDER ROADS.

4. ON THE TAMBAO RAILROAD PROJECT, CHAUFOURNIER SAID THAT THE WORLD BANK WAS WILLING TO HELP BUT NEEDED CERTAIN ASSURANCES THAT PROJECT WOULD BE OF SOME BENEFIT TO UPPER VOLTA. HE SAID GOUV INTENDED TO CALL MEETING OF PROSPECTIVE DONORS ON DECEMBER 5 AND THAT WORLD BANK MEANWHILE WOULD ADVISE GOUV ON TERMS WHICH SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED WITH JAPANESE AND AMERICAN (UNION CARBIDE) MINING CONCERNS IN ORDER TO INSURE PROFIT EARNING CAPACITY OF PROJECT. HE FELT THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

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